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AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY'S INSTITUTE

AYE, AYE! SIR!!

507 WEST STREET, NEW YORK

A MOTHER'S LETTER

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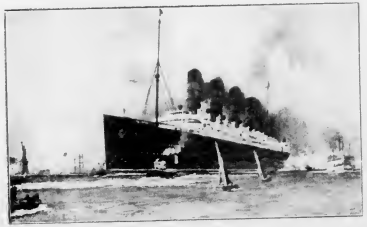

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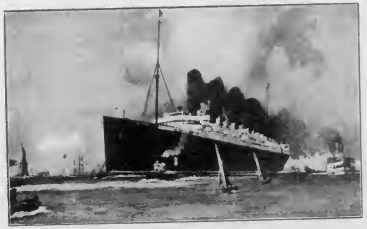

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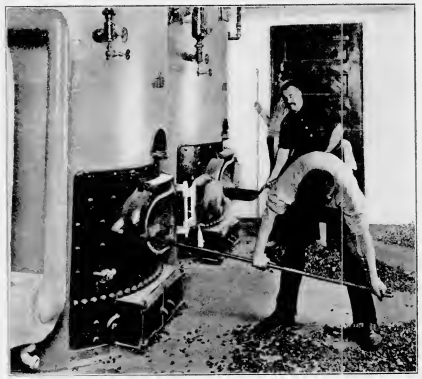

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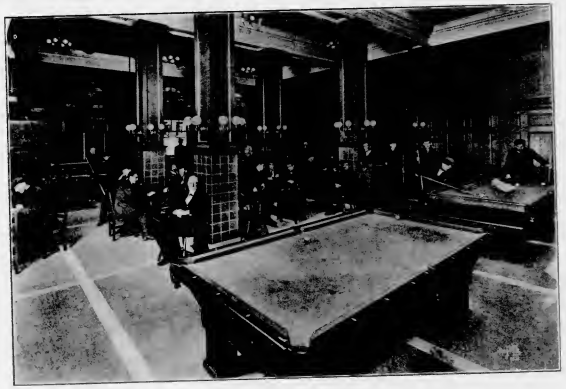

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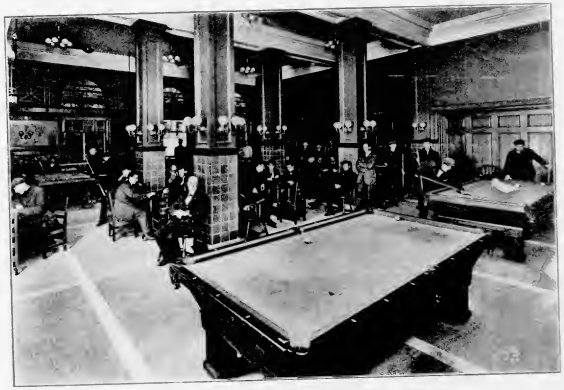

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SAILORS' MONDAY NIGHT CONCERT
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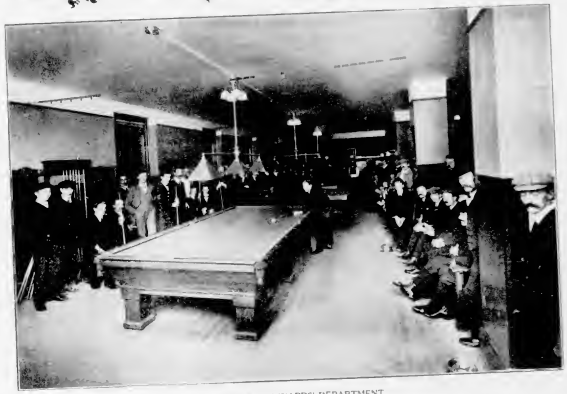

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"I'll be Captain some day"

BUDDING OFFICERS
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SAILOR'S BEDROOM

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"The next best place to a home"

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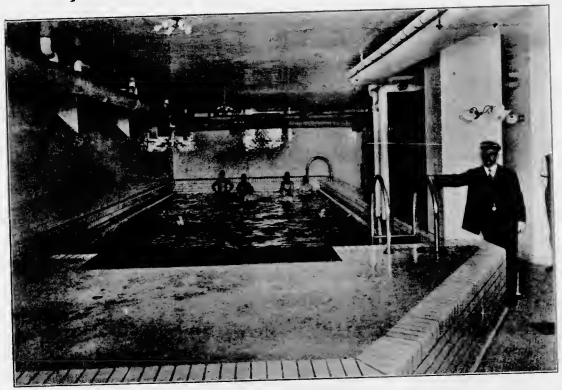

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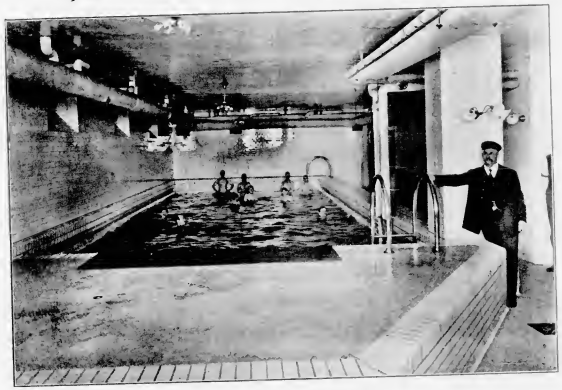

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Church of the Sea

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THE TALE OF THE YEAR IN FIGURES

Religious.	
Church of the Sea	5,523
Visits to hospital	362
Men sent to hospital	34
Philanthropic.	
Money handled for seamen	$38,711.50
Letters written and received	39,528
Comfort bags	252
Visits to ships	1,265
Charity Department.	
Free meals	2,143
Free beds	2,384
Social.	
Attendance at concerts	20,169
Billiard matches	47
Educational.	
Illustrated lectures	14
Bundles of literature	6,658
Hotel Department.	
Number of Lodgers	59,208
Aggregate attendance of seamen in all departments	361,423

WHAT THE MEN SAY ABOUT IT!

"Please accept my deepest thanks for the kindness the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY showed me when I was stranded in New York. You people are certainly all right.

"My idea of sailors' missions is completely changed after the practical religion which I have received at your place. I don't know how to thank you all, and my best wish is, that your Society will never go looking for funds to support such a splendid work. Good luck to you all and may God bless you.

"I am writing these few lines to tell you how much better I feel and to thank yon all for what you did for me when I was on the rocks. **I am after cutting the beer out and I will never touch a blessed drop again.** You people have done me a lot of good.

"I must thank you very much for your kindness to me while I was in the hospital. **My wife** also **is very grateful to you** for keeping her posted as to my condition. It was a great comfort to her to hear news occasionally as it was an anxious time for her. I trust you are keeping well and strong yourself to enable you to comfort others who are suffering as you did me.

"It gives me the greatest pleasure to express my heartfelt thanks to you for the kindness you, have shown to one of my shipmates. It is not only him to whom you showed kindness, but to me and I cannot express myself in writing.

"Since I took the **Communion Cup** that Sunday night I feel myself within to be a different man."

The Work of
The American Seamen's Friend Society

Object.

To improve the social, mental, moral and religious condition of the seamen of the world.

Means of Accomplishment.

On Land.---By the maintenance of Seamen's Institutes, Sailors' Homes, Bethels, Churches, Reading Rooms, caring for shipwrecked and destitute seamen, and the preaching of the Gospel in the principal ports of America and foreign countries.

At Sea.---By placing Loan Libraries, composed of carefully selected, instructive, inspiring and entertaining books on American vessels leaving the port of New York.

Each library costs $20 to the donor, contains 43 well selected books, and is returned and sent out again as long as it lasts.

THE SUPPORT

The Institute is supported by voluntary contributions, and needs $6,000 a year to make up the annual deficit.

Sustaining Membership $2.00

To complete the Institute $100,000 is needed; $25,000 has been promised.

Make checks payable to AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY. Send to

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